

1. Changes in the functions of the Security Division from 1946 to date:

The Security Division had its start with the appointment of a Chief of the CIG Security Division in early 1946. Through 1946 the responsibilities of the Security Division were primarily those of clearing or disapproving applicants or appointees for CIG.

During 1946 the personnel security and physical security operations of CIG were closely associated with those of the Security Division of SSU. In November 1946 the operations were combined under the Chief, Security Division, CIG with the functions of the security officer being performed in three sub-divisions. The first subdivision was that responsible for all phases of personnel security on persons in SSU or OSO, for liaison with other Agencies and for investigations. The second was that responsible for personnel security on persons in CIG not assigned to OSO. *The Third group was responsible for physical Security.*

In 1947 the liaison functions of the first group were transferred to *Second* the *third* group, creating the fore-runner of the present Personnel Security Branch. Also transferred was the responsibility for security briefing and interviews and the security checking on cases for what is now the Contact Division, Office of Operations.

In 1947 or 1948 the personnel security and physical security operations were brought together in one branch, the Security Branch in which responsibility for Agency security was placed, except those involving actual investigations and covert security matters.

Since 1946 the responsibility for personnel security on semi-covert cases has been transferred back and forth between the Security Division and the Special Security Division with it now being placed in the Security Division.

In 1946, as stated above, the security office of the Office of Special Operations handled all cases, overt, semi-covert and covert for the Office of Special Operations.

In the fall of 1947, the Security Division was assigned the responsibility for handling overt cases for the Office of Special Operations.

In August 1948 the responsibility for the handling of semi-covert cases was assigned to the Security Division, remaining in the Division until September 1949 when it was again placed in the Special Security Division. In February 1951 the responsibility for these cases was reassigned to the Security Division.

In 1947 and 1948 began the other key programs of the Security Division. These include formal liaison with other agencies desiring information from CIA, the Alien Interrogation program, for the Contact Division, the Top Secret Control Officer clearance program, the classified contract program, and the transfer review program.

Now placed in the Security Division is the polygraph program which is a key part of the Division's responsibilities.

In 1947 the Security Division was also given the responsibility for the operation involving checks with and reviews of records in other Agencies. This operation was removed from the Division with the creation of the EIB and was replaced in the Division when the FBI resumed its investigations of CIA applicants. It was again transferred from the Division when the FBI for the second time ceased its investigations for CIA.

The responsibilities of the Security Division have increased tremendously on such matters as personnel clearances. In 1946 an individual could enter the Agency under one of two types of clearances, one by CIG or one by the nominating agency. Since there have been instituted provisional clearances for unclassified duties and limited clearances for duties involving access to information classified through Secret, as well as the three basic types of full clearances.

2. Description of the requirements for overt and semi-covert security clearances.

These requirements are set forth in CIA Regulation [REDACTED] the pre-
decessors of which vary only to a very minor degree.

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3, 4, 5, 6. Investigations

In late 1946 the CIG Security Division began to submit cases to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on overt personnel. This was done pursuant to an agreement with the Bureau rather than under a statute or Executive Order requiring it.

In January 1948 the last case was transmitted to the FBI. Later that month cases were submitted to the Security Office of the Office of Special Operations for investigations.

Later in 1948 the EIB was created to take over the responsibilities of investigating CIA applicants. In June 1948 the first case was transmitted to the Employee Investigative Branch. In late 1948 there began in the Security Division a "pre-audit" program to reduce investigative coverage to the point where maximum security could be had without conducting investigations or checks on points not contributing directly to the establishing of the individual's security status.

In late December 1948 arrangements were effected whereby applicant cases would again be submitted to the FBI starting in January 1949. Cases were sent to the FBI under this new agreement until December 1950. Since then all investigations with two exceptions have been submitted to the Special Security Division after being pre-audited in the Security Division. The two exceptions are (1) those cases falling under Executive Order 9835 and (2) those cases of key personnel which, pursuant to an agreement made with the Federal Bureau of Investigation by the Director of Central Intelligence, can be given to the FBI for investigation because of the sensitivity of the position involved.

7. Number of persons cleared during the year ending on the date indicated:

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>APPLICANT TYPE CASES</u>	
31 December 1946	*	
31 December 1947	**	
31 December 1948		
31 December 1949		
31 December 1950		
31 December 1951		

* No figures are available in this Division on the year 1946

** For the year 1947, production figures are available for only five months. These figures show an average of [redacted] clearances per month and suggest a year's figure of [redacted] approvals.

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Following are the total number of cases for the Contact Division and the contracting offices completed during the year ending on the date indicated:

<u>YEAR ENDING</u>	<u>CONTACT CASES</u>	<u>CONTRACT CASES</u>
31 December 1946	*	*
31 December 1947	**	*
31 December 1948		*
31 December 1949		***
31 December 1950		
31 December 1951		

* Figures for this year are not available

** Figures are available for only five months of 1947. During those five months [redacted] cases were closed, for an average of [redacted] a month.

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*** Figures are available for only two months of this year. During these months [redacted] cases were closed.

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8. Cases pending in the Security Division on the dates indicated:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
31 December 1946	*
31 December 1947	[Redacted]
31 December 1948	[Redacted]
31 December 1949	[Redacted]
31 December 1950	[Redacted]
31 December 1951	[Redacted]

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* Figure not available.

9. Description of the present situation with respect to back-log.

As the above figure indicates, [redacted] cases were pending final action on 31 December 1951. Of these, [redacted] were pending in the investigative offices, the balance in the Security Division either before going out for investigation or awaiting appraisal and final action.

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The reducing of the back log is primarily a problem for the Special Security Division and an improvement in this situation has been noticed. The backlog in the Security Division as of

STATINTL 31 December 1951 of [redacted] cases is a normal revolving number of cases.

10. Rejections for Security Reasons during the year ending on the date indicated.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
31 December 1946	*
31 December 1947	[REDACTED]
31 December 1948	[REDACTED]
31 December 1949	[REDACTED]
31 December 1950	[REDACTED]
31 December 1951	[REDACTED]

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* Figures for this year are not available.

STATINTL ** Figures are available for only five months of this year. These reveal [REDACTED] security disapprovals in that period.

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13. Processing Time

The average length of time required to arrive at a final decision on a provisional clearance for unclassified duties is one week from date of receipt of the case from Personnel. This time has not changed noticeably since the instituting of the provisional clearance program.

The present average time required for full clearance is 82 days, based on the last six months. This time is broken down into 16 days in the Security Division and 66 days in the Special Security Division.

Average processing time for previous years were as follows:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Total Time</u>	<u>In S. D.</u>	<u>Investigation</u>
Month ending 31 December 48	168	22	146
Month ending 31 December 49	84	14	70
Month ending 31 December 50	96	18	78

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There has been little change in the policy towards applicants.

The Agency policy is set forth currently in Regulation [redacted] which as stated above has varied only slightly from its predecessors,

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STATINTL Administrative Instruction [redacted] Administrative Memorandum 24, and

STATINTL General Order [redacted]

STATINTL The standards of GO [redacted] initially required an acceptable applicant to be native-born. This provision was dropped from policy statements following it. Later revision of policy established a requirement that an acceptable applicant have been a citizen for five years.

There has been no relaxation of the application of the standards for *qualification*

STATINTL *for employment* set forth in what is now Regulation [redacted]

requirements

With regard to the minimum investigative ~~standards~~ set forth in

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EIB and again in late 1950 when the FBI stopped taking cases for investigations. All of these cases, however, are to be re-investigated to meet the standards for full investigation when facilities are available.